MANNING, CLARENDON COUNTY, S. C., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1885.

NO. 1.

#### THE RISE OF THE CHESTNUT

It is a matter of reproach to our social scientists that the habits and custo suppose that a joke is a literary meteor that Jashes across the intellectual sky for a moment and then disappears been deceived into expressing much justify us in concessing his name in connection with the charge, was heard for examination, wearing an easy are to declare that a joke was "an instance | benignant smile. joke, which would hvolve us in the obscurities of metagaysical discussion. we may state boldly that the joke has

It is evident to an observer that the joke may be accursely divided into races and nationalities. No one who had paid the slightest attention to the subject could possible mistake a German joke for a Frach joke, or a man joke for a Frach joke, or a formulation of the question. It is repeated twice—three times—but Mr. F. is too flurried to reply.

"Perhaps you can tell us where Mozambique is?" says one of the examiners. they are as plainly parked off from architelago or a peninsula, or some-and each undoubted has its different that An adequa discussion of the the castward somewhere—an architelago or a peninsula, or something. It is somewhere near Mesopotamia." habits. An adequal discussion of the subject can not event e outlined in this column. Nevertheld, as a small contribution to an implicant subject, we offer the following abount of a single member of the large and interesting ramily known as the merican joke:

It is eight months more since the chestnut loke first is the light. Its

ne, where Bourienne ok the prizes over Napoteon; Bour ne is now remembered not as a "prize boy," but as Nepoleon's sectory. In a like manner the tin-pan jo or the niggerbaby joke of even dat with the chestnut seemed surer of is. At the time the chestnut appeared the paint-the-town-red joke was at a height of its tame. Its monthly apparance in January was twenty-six sousand seven hundred and forty-six, hien is surpassed only by its unpredented Nopassed only by its unpredented No-vember record of thirty-ght thousand nine hundred, due to the local disturbing cause of a Democrate victory that month at the polls. In the same month the chestnut appered in public but a beggarly one hund d and eleven times. Previous to that ate it was so insignificant as not to seen worthy of record. Starting from the point, we see the gradual rise of thechesnut and the corresponding decline f paint-thetown-red. In February te chestnut appeared twelve hundred and fortyfour times, and the paint he-town-red appeared twenty-five thusand nine hundred and fourteen time. This does not necessarily indicate an falling off pularity of the effect of hard times was nest severely lar theory to the nebular hypothesis." felt that month, the total output of the chest-January; but the increase January; but the increase of the chest-nut joke under such unfarrable cir-cumstances is truly significant. The following month paint-t-town-red nearly held its own, appear of twenty-five thousand seven hundre and nineteen times, but the chesture increased to thirty-two hundred. The following month it increased by eleve hundred while the paint-the-town-re declined by nearly the same numbe But in the month of May the chestist leaped at one astonishing bound t fourteen thousand seven hundred and ghty appearances, its only one riv coming down something less than e same figure.

It is scarcely necessary to b further into details. The August reams give a total of more than twenty-re thousand appearances for the ches at, while its rival is all but as extinct as Mr. Crawford's "dado." The reprts for the first half of the present with in-dicate that the total will fall little if any below that of August, though the return-of-the-summer-baller has acted as a disturbing event. We may assume however, from the foregoing figures that the chen ut has reached its full developmen and is doomed to a speedy decline. It is dangerous to generalize from bu two or three instances, but from the obvious similarity of the careers of thuccessful American joke, it is almos certain that their existence is determed by have fixed and immutable laws. not the figures at had to ve in all statement, but we pronounce confidence. We may suppose, therefoli hat the

chestnut must follow the parlready trodden by paint-the-town-red and its predecessors and, after seein of some soful rival that ne rise even now in the obscure throng, wil ecome extinct in about eight months. Its rise has taken an equal length of the. In spite of a few well-known exptions where a joke has been able to prvive in a toothless, mumbling condon for safely two or three years, we may state that the average life of successful American joke is sixteen the most, eighteen months. T ject is one of much interest, and hould attract some young and entiliastic social scientist.

"I am a very timid man," subscriber in Ohio. "I am a rous. constitutionally timid; a very d in fact. I am ashamed of it can't help it. Now, what pro sion or occupation can I adopt in th tice of which I will be most pe safe from harm or danger?" o to France, my son; go to France a duelist. Or you might remained and be a pugilist."—E7

Eagle. There'll be a pretty howe-do among New Jersey lawyers courts follow up the precedent lished by Vice-Chancellor Bird decision that a lawyer who ind sa ctient to give an \$8,000 mortga \$975 and then sells it himself for must turn the profit overto the being lawyers if they have to as est to an amasen tourse, in Fleshire, honest as other men.—Alle town at.) Scotland, the other day. honest as other men. -Alle town

Civil-Service Examination.

Mr. James Flurewalker, having become tired of machine polities, aspires toms of the joke have received so little to a permanent official position nader attention. It is at error of the vulgar the Federal Government, and having had several years' experience as a sugar expert, he applies for the offic-Sugar Inspector in the customs service. forever. Even trained observers have In due time he is summoned before the Civil Service Examining Board. Feelthe same opinion; and a celebrated ing confident of his general intelliscientist, whose services to mankind gence, and of his special qualifications justify us in concessing his name in for the position, he presents him-

Mr. Flurewalker rapidly collects his of intellectual abstraction unworthy of serious attention." Nothing could be further from the facts. Leaving aside any discussion of the first cause of the meaning that the faculties of his minimum readiness for the first question, which had a little faculties are the fact. he is a little fearful may be a poser. THE FIRST QUESTION.

"In sailing from Mozambique to the Straits of Malabar, what are the variations in the magnetic needle, and what well-defined habits and peculiarities, and a study of its history and development is well worthy the attention of the foremost minds a science.

Straits of Malabar, what are the variations in the magnetic needle, and want is the cause of these variations?"

Mr. Furewalker requests a repeti-

"Oh, yes! Of course. Why, it is off to the eastward somewhere—an

"That will do, sir." "What is the rule in Shelly's case?"
"Eh! in Shelly's case?"
"Yes, sir."

"Yes, sir." "The process of what?" "Germination." "Oh! The progress of the German nation! Well, since the battle of

Koeniggratz and the war with France "That will do." "What is meant by the precession of the equinoxes?"

"The equinoxes?"
"Yes."

"The procession of the equinoxes?" "No! the precession of the equi-

noxes." relate to?"

"Cosmogony."

answer our questions.

EIFTH QUESTION. lain the relation of the molecu-

"No. I thank you, I had rather not. jokes being six per cent user that of Perhaps you had better put some of your civil-service questions to the President and some of his Cabinet. When they pass I will call around again." "Sir, you may go."

And Mr. Flurewalker goes-yes, he goes back to machine politics .- N. Y. Telegram.

### She Took off her Hat.

Clara Louise Kellogg has given entertainment enough to audiences, one would suppose, writes a New York correspondent, to have earned the right to enjoy herself as an auditor when assessed against the above gamblers. she chooses. But I sat next to her in a theater the other evening when two caucus of the Democratic members of fellows directly beland her would not the General Assembly re-nominated let her have a good time. She was the heads of State departments. The handsomely dressed, and on her head only change made was in the office of was one of those towering hats that State treasurer, for which A. W. Harare now in high favor, except with by them obscured, and to this class of the present incumbent. The Hon. of jectors belonged the chaps at the Jno. W. Daniel will succeed Riddlerear of Miss Kellogg.

"I say, Jim." one remarked, in thrilling whisper, "did you ever try to mark the height of a stovepips and from the floor up the side of a room by estimate? Yes? Then you made it as high as a flower-barrel, likely. Now. Ph bet you the drinks that this millinery construction is a sitk mat and a half tall; and Pil hold mine up for a measurement."

The wager was made, the hat was from brim to crown were exactly the showed that the same surprising fact was realized on dozens of women's heads. But the bet was not so readily decided, for from Miss. Kalogg's hat uprose two feathers six or eight inches further, and the wagerers could not true bill against the mayor of the city agree whether they were to be consid- of New Orleans for extortion in office. ered as part of the structure used. The In their report they say that the entire the dialogue, and her color reddened

considerably. tormentors, after an interval of silent the inhabitants of the city. They adendeavor to see past the constantly- vocate a general reform in the city shifting obstruction to want was going affairs. on in the stage show, "an apparatus that Heller used to exhibit for looking through a brick? There was an arrangement of little mirrors, so that although the brick was right in the range of vision, solid and opaque, you could put I cieursy see what was die city on the other side."

"Well, what of it? ' responded the

that the contrivance could make good trimming for ladies' hats tals season." There was such an outburst of laughter from al. et u. with n nearing that the stage-performers must have thought that they is a made a pace Hon. John W. Daniels for United nomenal not in one associately one spot; and then Miss. Kenong, similar but by a vote of sixty-five to thirty-one. crimson, removed her had said In him Virginia will find a true repreduring the rest of the exeming bare-200 headed, after the overgh manion.

instead of pocketing it singless. Sey pettifoggers will fail to see the of chest" were snown in nown ight earn-

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Quarters. of Preston, England, have failed read by a number of prominent physicians from all parts of the country.

Liabilities £78,000. -President Cleveland's message to Congress, read on the 8th inst., is generally regarded as an unusually able paper.

-- Senator Colquitt, of Georgia, has been nominated for Vice-President by an Indiana clergyman of the Northern Methodist church.

-Gen. Don Crrios Buell, well known as Commander of the Army of the Ohio, has been appointed Pension Agent at Louisville, Ky. -Nelson Stewart and Anderson Davis, colored, convicted of burglary, were hanged within the jail enciosure

-At Northampton, Mass., Allen J. Adams, for the murder of Moses B. Dickinson, of Amherst, ten years ago, was sentenced last week to be hanged

on March 12, 1886. -At Akron, Ohio, last week, a sewer being constructed caved in, burying seven laborers. Four were crushed to death and the other three

-The ten-year old daughter of "Yes. sir."

James Dunn, of Xenia, Ill., died last inspection the largest and best assorted week from trichinosis. It is said that stock of Fall and Winter Clothing for men,

was followed by a fire which destroyed the building. No one was injured.

-Last Tuesday evening, at the crossing of the Texas Central Railway, at Bryan, Texas, the Rev. H. T.
Wilson and two daughters were killed
by an engine drawing a pay car. Their
horses were killed and their wagon
was demolished.

—A special to the Chattanooga Times

Columbia, S. C. way, at Bryan, Texas, the Rev. H. T. "Never heard of it. What does it Wilson and two daughters were killed

"What?"

"Well, astronomy."

"O! I see now, gentlemen; you must have made a mistake. I am not an applicant for an astronomical position. I only want to be a sugar inspector."

"That will do, sir. We are quite aware of that. Now pay attention and answer our questions.

-- Daniel McSweeney, the Irish "suspect," who loomed up in the last Presidential campaign, and has since haunted the Administration for reward, has at last received an inspectorship in the San Francisco Custom House, worth \$1,800 a year. This place was created for him, but does not by any means come up to his ideas of what he ought to have had.

-The cases of the Louisville, Kv. Law and Order Club against the gamblers were on trial in the Circuit Court last week, and fifty indictments against eighteen local professional gamblers were indefinitely continued in terro-rem, on the gamblers' confession of guilt and their promises never to engage in the gambling business again. Fines to the amount of \$16,000 were

mon, of Ruckbridge county, was nomthose whose view of a performance is inated in place of Isaac R. Barksdale, berger in the United States Senate.

THE annual address before the South Carolina Bar Association was delivered in the Hall of Representatives on Wednesday by the Hon. John Dillon, one of the most prominent and succe-sful members of the New York bar. He delivered an address before the American Bar Association at Saratoga in 1884, which has been pronounced by competent judges all over the counuplifted for comparison, and it was by competent judges all over the counsettled without disjute that the heights is the author of work on musicipal is the author of work on municipal same. A glance around the theater corporations, which is high authority both in England this country. The Association was fortunate in security. the services of so able a jurist.

The grand jury have returned a prima donna-grew fidgety in hearing city government was found in a wretched condition, and that the police force, besides being insufficient for the "Do you remember," said one of her service, are of very little protection to

THE Virginia Senate has recently passed a joint resolution instructing their Senators and Representatives in Congress to vote for the Blair educational bill, or any other measure having for its purpose and object an appropriation for the benefit of the public schools of that and other States in "On, nothing: only I was thinking common. They believe in a division of the surplus revenue of the Federal Government.

> THE Democratic caucus of the Virginia Legislature has nominated the States Senator over John S. Barbour sentative.

It is rumored that neither Minister Pendleton nor his wife are satisfied with the German capital, and that ke will soon forward his resignation to Washington and return to America.

THE American Public Health Association has been in session at Wash-Facts of Interest, Cathered from Various ington for several days, and essays upon important diseases have been

## SENSIBLE PEOPLE



ARE NOT EASILY DECEIVED, FOR burying seven laborers. Four were crushed to death and the other three were tatally injured.

—The buildings of the Southern Illinois penitentiary at Chester, Ill., were badly damaged and some of the inmates seriously injured by a cyclone on Tuesday night, Nobody killed.

—The ten-year old daughter of

to enforce the point that I have ready for inspection the largest and best assorted member of the large and interesting family known as ther merican joke:

It is eight months the light. Its birth is involved in a purity, in spite of earnest efforts to the early days of as existence it gave no sign of comic greatness. We know the story of the shool at Brienne, where Bourienne ok the prizes over Napoteon; Bourne is now reversely many and interesting and interesting and interesting two weeks ago the girl ate raw pork and that her death resulted therefrom.

They are peerless in variety and though; even the underlinings are shrunk and the trimmings used are meant to wear, not merely to help sell the goods, as every garment is companied as existence it gave no sign of comic greatness. We know the story of the shool at Brienne, where Bourienne ok the prizes over Napoteon; Bourne is now reversely and in the same rule as with any other man. If he is squarely elected, count him in. I never heard that Saeliy had any particular pull."

"That will do, sir."

"The house of Wesley Greer, at Cannonsburg, Pa., was blown up by natural gas Tuesday morning and the occupants, Greer and his wife and two children, severely but not fatally injured.

"The faculty of Vanderbilt University on Tuesday adopted resolutions of it, embraces every style and fashionable."

"Yes, sir." The faculty of Vanderbilt University on Tuesday adopted resolutions of respect to the memory of the patron of the University, William H. Vanderbilt, and suspended exercises in the institution for one day.

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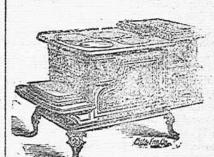
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